

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 21, 2007. Claims 1-16 are pending in this Application, and Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 13 and 16 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In essence, the Examiner alleges that Claims 1-16 are indefinite and fail to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 13 and 16 to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and full allowance of Claims 1-16.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-16 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In essence, the Examiner alleges that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants traverse the rejection. However, to avoid additional time and expense of obtaining patent protection, Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 9 to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and full allowance of Claims 1-16.

CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the application. Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 1-16, as amended.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2684.

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